

Wireless 911 Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 11, 2006
Public Service Commission Library
300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska and
via video at the Law Enforcement Center, 2025 Avenue A,
Kearney, Nebraska

Meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Sheriff Neil Miller.

Roll Call

Sheriff Neil Miller present via video link in Kearney

Pete Peterson, Virginia Vance, Issac Brown, Mark Conrey, Larry Lavelle present in Lincoln.

Commissioner Gerald Vap, Jeff Pursley, Angela Melton, Joan Raffety and Tyler Frost.

Emergency Agenda Items – No emergency agenda items.

Consideration of approval of minutes of November 6, 2006 Meeting

Ike motion, Mark Conrey second. Approved unanimously.

Correspondence

General Correspondence – No correspondence.

Change order of agenda –

Advise status of technical position – Jeff Pursley advised the Advisory Board that the PSC is negotiating a contract with a consultant to assist with the cost model and other issues arising.

Telephone System Costs – Joan Raffety reported that several of the PSAPs with Centralink equipment have advised that their telephone systems are incorporated within the current equipment. Discussion was had about appropriateness of the Fund paying for telephone systems. The Fund has not traditionally paid for telephone system costs. Virginia Vance and Pete Peterson advised that they did not feel that it would be appropriate. Discussion was had that this is not a gray area, that it is an administrative cost. If the phone system is a separate key system or separate PBX system, it should not be paid for by the Fund if non-emergency lines are included. Bev Winstrom of Qwest advised FXO gateways are included in the basis. Discussion was had that anything inside the box should be subject to be paid for. Stacen Gross of GeoComm advised that only dispatch phones were included in funding proposal previously before the Board.

Virginia Vance made a motion that any telephone system costs that are used strictly for administrative use, i.e., key systems, PBX system or separate telephone set should not be included in the reimbursements. Any interface in the ANI/ALI controller system would be a valid reimbursement. Isaac Brown seconds the motion. After unanimous vote of advisory board, motion carries.

Discussion is had that IP phones could be considered on a case-by-case basis. Determination could be made at that time whether it would strictly be used for 911.

Multi-purpose headset, full-functioning IP phone should be eligible if used for 911 purposes. Some systems may require handset for computer telephony to work.

Consideration of New Funding Requests

Discussion was had regarding funding process. Angela Melton advises that funding can be approved in two ways. A PSAP can seek reimbursement if they have already paid for the costs. Alternatively, a PSAP can apply for funding and the PSC would pay the vendor directly for costs approved.

Scotts Bluff County – Bob Brower advised the Board that an upgrade is necessary because software is outdated and is no longer supported. Mark Conrey inquired if this upgrade is necessitated by wireless. Mr. Brower advised that this upgrade included both wireless and wireline. Mr. Brower advised that it would have an effect with Phase II, but that they could accept phase II calls with current equipment. Mark Conrey inquired whether they would need a further upgrade to their ANI/ALI controller in the future. Mr. Brower advised that this will upgrade the ANI/ALI controller. This upgrade would add ability to rebid Phase II data and allow better availability to check calls and statistics, and instant recall would be improved. Current software was installed in 1999.

Virginia Vance recommended that nothing is forcing them to upgrade at this time. Mark Conrey advised that Scotts Bluff County is in a similar position as the PSAPs with Centralink due to the fact that they are losing technical support. Question asked if upgrade is necessary to perform work effectively. Discussion is had that it is not a necessary upgrade. Sheriff Miller discussed the fact that the system is no longer supported and that if it is no longer being supported it needs to be considered.

Mark Conrey moves that the funding request be denied. Virginia Vance seconds. Motion carries with Sheriff Miller voting nay.

Hamilton County – Currently have Motorola Centralink, seeking to replace with TCI. PSAP has two 911 positions. Virginia Vance advised that ERStat reporting package would not be eligible for reimbursement. Mark Conrey questions charges for product services, on-site product training services and Platte Valley Installation. Teleconference call is placed to Lena Penwright of TCI to answer questions regarding product services, on-site product training services and Platte Valley Installation. Ms. Penwright advised that Platte Valley does a site survey, pre-wiring, and set up of equipment and further that TCI then comes out to customize the system. Virginia Vance makes motion to fund the request based on the removal of the reporting package at level determined by the Commission. Isaac Brown seconded. After unanimous vote of advisory board, motion carries.

Cedar County – Currently have Motorola Centralink, seeking to replace with TCI. PSAP has two positions. Phone system is in place for entire sheriff's office. Virginia Vance motions to pay \$78,370 of funding request which represents the TCI Invision Base System, of \$41,660, less \$2,640 for reporting package, two workstations, install and on-site training of \$15,400, freight of \$1,200, UPS at \$4,230. Mark Conrey seconds. After unanimous vote of advisory board, motion carries. Further discussion is had regarding UPS. Costs for UPS are within equipment bid in the amount of \$2,520. Motion made to clarify previous motion by Pete Peterson. Virginia Vance seconds.

Additional motion made to add extra UPS, subtracting \$4,230 for UPS, adding \$1,111.98 for the remote maintenance equipment and 340.00 – for a new total of **\$75,591.98**. After unanimous vote of advisory board, motion carries.

Cedar County – Funding request was previously taken before the Advisory Board and approved in 2003. The County withdrew the funding request at the request of Director Kara Thielen and advised that they could bring it back before the Commission at a later time when they were ready to replace equipment. Kevin Garvin advised that this was for a 30W upgrade. Virginia Vance advised that this was a needed upgrade for Phase I and is in preparation for Phase II. Pete Peterson brought up the issue that these costs were incurred prior to the time the Fund was created. Mark Conrey advised that this was a necessary upgrade for Y2K and was the primary purpose for the upgrade.

Bill Ashburn joins meeting.

Discussion is had that this may not be an appropriate cost to reimburse because of the fact that this equipment is now being replaced with prior funding request. Neil Miller motions to deny the request for funding on this request. Pete seconds. Motion carries with Virginia Vance voting nay.

Dixon County – Currently have Motorola Centralink. Isaac Brown motions to approve funding request minus the \$4,230 for extra UPS and \$2,640 for reporting package. Mark Conrey seconds. Total request would be **\$73,968**. After unanimous vote of advisory board, motion carries.

Called Cory from Platte Valley Grand Island to discuss funding request.

Antelope County -- Currently have Motorola Centralink, seeking to replace with TCI. Larry Lavelle motions to approve funding request at \$41,660 minus the reporting package of \$2,640, - \$39,360, Two-position workstations \$18,520, remove Norstar equipment of \$4,744, add fast remote access of \$340, install, freight and router equipment, **\$75,932**. Larry Lavelle makes motion to recommend funding \$75,932. Mark Conrey seconds. After unanimous vote of advisory board, motion carries.

Isaac Brown leaves the room.

Dawson County -- Currently have Motorola Centralink seeking to replace with Positron. Bev Winstrom explains funding request. The funding request in the amount of \$136,452.84 for total with addition of monitors and 4 IP phones. Motion made by Larry Lavelle to approve funding of **\$136,452.84**. Pete Peterson seconds. After unanimous vote of advisory board, motion carries.

Advisory Board not acting on maintenance listed on request for funding.

Break taken from 1:05 p.m. to 1:19 p.m.

Howard and Dawes Counties were taken together due to similarities. Currently have Motorola Centralink seeking to replace with Positron. Both PSAPs have two positions and two trunks. Have different number of administrative lines. Discussion is had that if

purchasing new equipment at this time PowerMAP should be reimbursed. Bev Winstrom advised that it would be more cost effective to have PowerMAP installed when other equipment is being installed so there wouldn't be an additional charge for installation later. Mark Conrey discussed that if GIS data isn't complete the PowerMAP shouldn't be installed at this time. Recommendation made by Virginia Vance that PowerMAP be reimbursed if mapping is complete and have a LEC provider that can provide Phase II.

Sheriff Neil Miller makes motion that the environment continues to change and in order to move forward and meet the objectives of this group it is time to revisit some of the issues and update them and move requests for Phase II and mapping forward with a stipulation that at the time the PSAP signs the contract, they must have a wireless provider who is not going to seek cost recovery and have their mapping is complete. If two conditions were not complete, costs would not be eligible. Mark Conrey seconds. After unanimous vote of advisory board, motion carries.

Discussion was had that if PSAP signs a contract without conditions being met and they're unable to meet the conditions of the contract, they will be responsible for additional costs incurred.

Isaac Brown returns.

Dawes County – Currently have Motorola Centralink seeking to replace with Positron. Larry Lavelle motions to recommend funding of **\$117,657.20** with addition of two IP phones. Pete Peterson seconds. Motion carries. Isaac Brown abstains.

Howard County – Currently have Motorola Centralink seeking to replace with Positron. Larry Lavelle motions to recommend funding of **\$118,259.22** with addition of two IP phones. Virginia Vance seconds. Motion carries with Mark Conrey voting nay.

Break taken from 2:17 p.m. to 2:46 p.m.

Keith County – Currently have Motorola Centralink, seeking to replace with Positron. PSAP has three positions. Pete Peterson advised the Advisory Board that six of the seven counties that Keith County dispatches for have mapping complete. Virginia Vance motions to recommend funding in the amount of **\$137,733.52**. Isaac Brown seconds. Motion carries with Pete Peterson abstaining.

Perkins County – Currently have Motorola Centralink, seeking to replace with Positron. PSAP has two 911 positions and two trunks. Isaac Brown motions to recommend funding in the amount of **\$118,998.02** with addition of two IP phones. Sheriff Miller seconds. Motion carries with Mark Conrey voting nay.

Chase County – Currently have Motorola Centralink, seeking to replace with Positron. PSAP has two 911 positions and two trunks. Isaac Brown motions to recommend funding in the amount of **\$118,998.02** with addition of two IP phones. Sheriff Miller seconds. Motion carries with Mark Conrey voting nay.

Cheyenne County – Currently have Motorola Centralink. PSAP has three positions and three 911 trunks. This funding request has added six IP phones in the amount of

\$1,290.59. Pete Peterson motions to recommend funding in the amount of **\$144,421.74**. . Larry Lavelle seconds. Motion carries with Mark Conrey voting nay.

Harlan/Phelps Counties – Currently have Motorola Centralink, seeking to replace with TCI. PSAP has two 911 positions. Virginia Vance motions to recommend funding in the amount of **\$88,511**, which deducts the cost of the reporting package and \$10,457 for support services first year. Larry Lavelle seconds. No UPS equipment in these bids. After unanimous vote of advisory board, motion carries.

Custer County – Currently have Motorola Centralink, seeking to replace with TCI. PSAP has two 911 positions. Virginia Vance motions to recommend funding in the amount of **\$88,511**, which deducts the cost of the reporting package and \$10,457 for support services first year. Larry Lavelle seconds. No UPS equipment in these bids. After unanimous vote of advisory board, motion carries.

Report of the Subcommittee formed by the Board at November meeting – Larry Lavelle provided the Advisory Board with a report. Investigation is still on-going. State Department of Communications has issued RFP.

Bev Winstrom reported that Qwest had looked at Keith County area. Department of Communications has frame relay network. Positron and Qwest are testing in the lab.

Recognition of outgoing members of the Board – Commissioner Gerald Vap recognized Virginia Vance and Bill McLarty for their contribution to the Public Service Commission and the advisory board.

Discussion of MSAG adjustments/corrections – Mark Conrey discusses the adjustments that need to be made to MSAG information in order to obtain accurate metrics. Suggestion is made that would require PSAPs to implement the format to complete MSAG before going to Phase II.

Status Reports

Fund Balance – Joan Raffety advised the Advisory Board that the Fund balance was \$14,190,561.15.

Implementation Status – Joan Raffety provided map of implementation status in state.

GIS Status – Joan Raffety provided reports of vendors of status in state.

Sheriff Miller advised that Mark Masterton wanted to designate a financing subcommittee. Mark would like to have Bill Ashburn, Mark Conrey, Mark Masterton, Pete Peterson, and Jerry Vap develop a template for what are the Wireless Fund is going fund and when it will be funded and establish financing guidelines with an initial meeting in Kearney in January.

Schedule Next Meeting – Next meeting will be scheduled for February 5, 2006, at 10:00 at Public Service Commission in the Commission Library.

Meeting adjourns at 4:36 p.m.